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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
Health Care Financing Administration

Center for Medicaid and State Operations  
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Dear State Medicaid Director:

Last June we notified you of our plans to add a new Medicaid feature to the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) Home Page. This new feature provides summary information on the different types of Medicaid Eligibility Quality Control (MEQC) projects operated by States. We are pleased to report that this information is now available on the Internet.

This new HCFA website is a good resource for States to access information on the innovative methods many States are using to reduce erroneous expenditures and to improve the administration of their Medicaid programs. States can obtain descriptions of MEQC projects such as focused studies, special reviews and program surveys conducted by States under either a MEQC pilot or a section 1115 waiver. Anyone interested in developing a pilot project can access the website to determine if another State has conducted a similar project. They can contact that State to obtain specific materials used for that project such as copies of data collection instruments, review protocols and guides. In addition, States can use the information from the website to communicate with each other on a variety of subjects such as the effectiveness of projects in reducing errors.

The Internet address for MEQC pilots provided on the HCFA Home Page is:  
**<http://www.hcfa.gov/medicaid/regions/mqchmpg.htm>.**

Information about State MEQC pilots will be updated in March and September of each year. We invite you to visit this new website and use this information to your advantage in ensuring Medicaid payment accuracy. States not having access to the Internet can contact their regional office for a hard copy of the information

Sincerely,

/s/

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